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# Saguaro National Park News Release

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## SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK HOSTS CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS RECOGNITION DAY

Tucson, AZ – Saguaro National Park is pleased to host the Fifth Annual Civilian Conservation Corps Recognition Day event will be held on Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Tucson Mountain District (west). This year the program features appearances by CCC historians; displays of photos, newspapers, and memorabilia; book signings and conversations with authors; documentaries and films about the era; and guest speakers on a variety of topics. CCC alumni are among the invited guests.

Guest speakers will include sons of CCC enrollees; Michael Smith, former President of the CCC Alumni chapter in Phoenix; Ronald Beckwith, Saguaro National Park Archaeologist; and Sharon Hunt, co-author of the new book *The CCC in Arizona*, which will be available at the event.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a Great Depression-era work program that greatly influenced national, state, and county parks, including Saguaro National Park and Tucson Mountain Park. The trails, picnic areas, and scenic drives our visitors enjoy today were established during this program. Park admission to this event is free, (Tucson Mountain District only). Wheelchair accessible.

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**Where: Red Hills Visitor Center, Tucson Mountain District (west)  
2700 N. Kinney Road, Tucson AZ 85743**

### **Schedule of speakers/presentations:**

- 10:00 “The Legacy of the CCC”,** Sons of Enrollees: Al Lindstrom, Eduardo Quiroz “Buck” Castillo, Elson Alvarez, Jack Griffin and Ernest Bruss
- 11:30 “The CCC in Tucson Mountain Park: A survey of Historical Structures”,**  
Ron Beckwith, Archeologist @ Saguaro National Park.
- 12:30 “The CCC in Arizona: a Photographic Tour of the Boys’ Work Throughout the State”,**  
Sharon E Hunt, co-author of *The CCC in Arizona*.
- 2:30 “SP-6-A: Camp Pima in the Tucson Mountains”,**  
Philip Brown, Park Ranger @ Saguaro National Park.

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